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FROM AMBASSADOR IN ALEXANDRIA

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS/ ASEC, EG, US
SUBJECT: WALDRON CASE

REF: STATE 181297

1. REFTEL FORWARDED TO ME IN ALEXANDRIA.
2. AM PUZZLED BY WHAT APPEARS TO BE INCONSISTENCY IN GUIDANCE SENT REFTEL. ON ONE HAND, IT CONCURS IN ACTION OUTLINED CAIRO 12807, WHICH INDICATED OUR PROPOSAL DECLINE AGREE TO PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S REQUEST THAT CONSULAR OFFICER APPEAR AT HEARING, BUT TO OFFER TO REPLY IN WRITING TO ANY PERTINENT INQUIRIES PROSECUTOR MAY SUBMIT TO US IN WRITING. ON OTHER HAND, REFTEL CAUTIONS AGAINST MAKING PROMISES RE FURNISHING WRITTEN RESPONSES. REQUEST CLARIFICATION SINCE EMBASSY CAIRO NOW HAS FORMAL LETTER FROM PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE REQUESTING CONSULAR OFFICER APPEAR MONDAY, AUGUST 8, TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RE WALDRON CASE.
3. RECOGNIZE FACT THAT WALDRON INVESTIGATION STILL IN INVESTIGATING STAGE AND THAT NO JUDGEMENT YET MADE RE WHETHER CASE WILL BE REFERRED TO COURT MARTIAL. SAME
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TIME I BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE OUR WILLINGNESS BE OF ASSISTANCE BY TRYING TO ANSWER AS CANDIDLY AND FACTUALLY AS POSSIBLE ANY QUESTIONS PROSECUTOR MAY HAVE IN TRYING CLOSE HIS BOOKS ON CASE. CANNOT OVER-EMPHASIZE THE ADVERSE IMPACT OF THIS REGRETTABLE INCIDENT ON THE PART OF A YOUNG MARINE WHO HIMSELF ADMITTED THAT HE HAD "LOST HIS COOL" AND

BLATENTLY SHOT AN EGYPTIAN GUARD OR HOW FORTUNATE WE HAVE BEEN THAT THE EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN WILLING TO WORK WITH US TO MINIMIZE THE DAMAGE THAT THE INCIDENT COULD HAVE CAUSED FOR US HERE. MUST CAUTION, HOWEVER, THAT IF WE NOW, AFTER WALDRON HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, APPEAR TO BE LESSENING OUR WILLINGNESS TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE IN GETTING CASE CLOSED, WE WILL SIMPLY AROUSE RESENTMENT ON PART OF EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES WHICH WILL CONVINCE THEM ANY ACTION WE MAY TAKE INTENDED BE A WHITEWASH AND WILL MAKE AMICABLE RESOLUTION OF ANY SIMILAR CASE IN THE FUTURE THAT MUCH MORE XDIFFICULT.

4. REQUEST CLEAR GUIDANCE ON WHAT KIND OF WRITTEN STATEMENTS MIGHT BE PROVIDED (A) CURRENT STATUS OF WALDRON INQUIRY UNDER UNIFIED CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, (B) WHAT WE INTEND TO DO RE PAYING COMPENSATION TO FAMILY (EMBASSY LAWYER NOW HOLDING PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH FAMILY ON SUBJECT) AND (C) ANY OTHER CONSTRAINTS RE ANSWERING PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S INQUIRIES. IF DEPT WISHES, WE COULD SEND TO DEPT FOR COMMENT AND/OR APPROVAL OUR PROPOSED REPLIES TO PROSECUTOR'S QUESTIONS.

5. ADVERSE EFFECTS OF WALDRON CASE LIKELY BE WITH US SOME TIME. FOR EXAMPLE, EVER SINCE INCIDENT, EGYPTIAN
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SECURITY GUARDS REFUSE TO STAND GUARD IN RESIDENCE COMPOUND BECAUSE, AS THEY FRANKLY STATE, THEY ARE AFRAID OF THE MARINES.
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